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TAGS: SNAR, TH  
SUBJ: FOUR KILOS OF HEROIN SEIZED IN JOINT THAI/HONG KONG POLICE  
OPERATION

1. BANGKOK AND HONG KONG POLICE WORKING IN COOPERATION  
ARRESTED FOUR SUSPECTED DRUG TRAFFICKERS AND SEIZED FOUR  
KILOGRAMS OF NO. 3 HEROIN IN BANGKOK ON JANUARY 23. TWO  
HONG KONG CHINESE, IDENTIFIED AS MISS LI YI WAN (20) AND  
MR. CHIM NIUN (32), AND A THAI, SAMAN SRIPAKUL, WERE  
ARRESTED AT THE TROCADERO HOTEL. THEY HAD IN THEIR  
POSSESSION FOUR KILOS OF HEROIN AND A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED  
SUITCASE, APPARENTLY TO BE USED TO TRANSPORT THE NARCOTICS.  
IN A SEPARATE RAID, POLICE ARRESTED A MALAYSIAN, LOO KWAN  
KONG, AT THE VICTORY HOTEL. LOO IS ALLEGED TO BE THE MAN  
WHO WAS ACTUALLY TO CARRY THE HEROIN TO AMSTERDAM.

2. THE OPERATION WAS CARRIED ON JOINTLY BY THE THAI AND  
HONG KONG POLICE. TWO HONG KONG POLICE OFFICIALS CAME  
TO BANGKOK EARLIER IN THE WEEK WITH INFORMATION ON THE  
TRAFFICKING NETWORK. THE HONG KONG POLICE, SUPPORTED  
BY THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN NARCOTICS UNIT, WORKED IN  
AN UNDERCOVER ROLE TO SNARE THE TRAFFICKERS.

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3. THE BANGKOK POST ON JANUARY 26 CARRIED A FRONT PAGE

AFP ARTICLE DATELINED HONG KONG THAT ATTRIBUTED THE SEIZURE TO A "NEW CLIMATE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NARCOTICS BUREAUS IN ASIAN COUNTRIES--PARTICULARLY HONG KONG AND THAILAND..." THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT THIS COOPERATION STEMMED IN PART FROM SEVERAL REGIONAL NARCOTICS CONFERENCES, THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE UNITED NATIONS IN JAKARTA LAST NOVEMBER.

4. COMMENT: CONTACTS MADE BETWEEN THAI AND HONG KONG POLICE AT REGIONAL CONFERENCES OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS CERTAINLY PLAYED A ROLE IN BRINGING ABOUT THE JOINT SEIZURE ON JANUARY 23. PETER LAW, COUNSELOR FVR HONG KONG AFFAIRS AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BANGKOK, ALSO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE OPERATION. WE HOPE THIS SUCCESS WILL INITIATE A TREND TOWARDS MORE JOINT OPERATIONS.

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